

1 3. (Amended) A method of scheduling an event with respect to a
2 hard copy output engine, comprising:

3 detecting a status of a portion of the hard copy output engine from a
4 sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;

5 composing an electronic message including the detected status; and

6 transmitting the electronic message to a scheduling engine, wherein
7 detecting includes detecting a future need for preventative maintenance.

1 4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein composing an
2 electronic message includes composing the electronic message to include
3 information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining
4 consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company
5 addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event
6 address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return
7 receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default,
8 required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee,
9 tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and
10 preventative maintenance items.

1 5. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein detecting a status
2 includes detecting a status from a list of status items consisting of: toner out,
3 toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of
4 component parts, consumables orders, internal billing dates for job accounting,
5 external billing dates for job accounting, low or "out of" status for other
6 consumables and need for other maintenance items.

1 6. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the hard copy output
2 engine is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers
3 and printers.

1 7. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein transmitting the
2 electronic message to a scheduling engine comprises transmitting an electronic
3 message including a consumable order.

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12 1 9. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the
2 computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect includes
3 computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a toner low
4 or toner out status.

1 10. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer
2 usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein to cause a
3 processor to:
4 detect a status of a portion of the hard copy output engine from a
5 sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;
6 compose an electronic message including the detected status; and
7 transmit the electronic message to a scheduling engine, wherein the
8 computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect includes
9 computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a future
10 need for preventative maintenance.

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1 11. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the
2 computer readable code configured to cause a processor to compose an
3 electronic message includes computer readable code configured to cause the
4 processor to compose the electronic message to include information chosen
5 from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom
6 assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected
7 completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date,
8 follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind
9 beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list,
10 resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status,
11 consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative
12 maintenance items.

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1 12. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the
2 computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a status
3 includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a
4 status chosen from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low,
5 preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of
6 component parts, consumables orders, internal billing dates for job accounting,
7 external billing dates for job accounting, low or "out of" status for other
8 consumables and need for other maintenance items.

1 13. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the
2 computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect comprises
3 computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a status of
4 a hard copy output engine chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile
5 machines, photocopiers and printers.

14. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to transmit comprises computer readable code configured to cause the processor to transmit an electronic message including a consumable order.

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16. (Amended) The computer implemented control system of claim 17, wherein the processor configured to detect includes a processor configured to detect a toner low or toner out status.

17. (Amended) A computer implemented control system for a hard copy output engine, the system comprising:

a sensor coupled to a portion of the hard copy output engine, the sensor being configured to provide a status of the portion; and

processing circuitry coupled to the sensor and configured to:

detect the status of the portion;

compose an electronic message including the detected status; and

transmit the electronic message to a scheduling engine, wherein the processor configured to detect includes a processor configured to detect a future need for preventative maintenance.

18. (Amended) The computer implemented control system of claim 17, wherein the processor configured to compose an electronic message includes a processor configured to compose the electronic message to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default,

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9 required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee,
10 tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and
11 preventative maintenance items.

1 19. (Amended) The computer implemented control system of claim
2 17, wherein the processor configured to detect a status includes a processor
3 configured to detect a status chosen from a list of status items consisting of:
4 toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or
5 replacement of component parts, consumables orders, internal billing dates for
6 job accounting, external billing dates for job accounting, low or "out of" status
7 for other consumables and need for other maintenance items.

1 20. (Amended) The computer implemented control system of claim
2 17, wherein the processor configured to detect comprises a processor
3 configured to detect a status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a group
4 consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

New Claims

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1 21. The method of claim 3, wherein detecting a future need for
2 preventative maintenance includes detecting a future need for cleaning or
3 replacement of component part.

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1 22. The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the computer
2 readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a future need for
3 preventative maintenance comprises computer readable code configured to
4 cause a processor to detect a future need for cleaning or replacement of
5 component part.

23. The computer implemented control system of claim 17, wherein
the processor configured to detect a future need for preventative maintenance
comprises a processor configured to detect a future need for cleaning or
replacement of component part.